

## The Commonwealth.

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### THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

Writers to the papers from the convention at St. Louis last week say that it was the greatest Democratic convention in many years, if not the greatest ever held in the nation.

One pleasing feature has been emphasized, and that is the leadership which the South displayed in the convention. Men from the South had as much influence as men from any other part of the country.

### PARKER AND DAVIS.

For President—Alton B. Parker.

For Vice-President—Henry G. Davis. Such is the national ticket named by the national Democratic convention at St. Louis last week.

The nominee for President is from New York and the nominee for Vice-President is from West Virginia.

Judge Parker is fifty-two years old and Mr. Davis is in his eighty-first year. They are both great and strong men, solid Democrats, and the country will accept them as men fully equal to the high positions for which they have been named. Judge Parker's name has been before the public for some months and much is known of him by the general reader; but Mr. Davis had not been mentioned before the convention met, and so not much is known of him.

On this page we give a sketch of each, taken from the Charlotte Observer, which is good authority and keeps up with public men.

### WHO CAN BEAT THIS?

Sweet potatoes of 1903 and sweet potatoes of 1904—they are both here. While the editor last Wednesday had for dinner some sweet potatoes—good, sound and sweet—of last year's crop, a subscriber a mile or two away was enjoying potato custard from this year's crop. How is that for good potatoes, good climate, good skill in keeping them, and good hustling in raising a new crop?—*Gastonia Gazette*.

THE COMMONWEALTH has been saying various things about Halifax county's fine lands, the many varieties of early and late farm products that may be raised here for the planting and the working; and we quote the foregoing from the *Gastonia Gazette* in order to ask if some one in Halifax county cannot meet the statement about sweet potatoes of two years being served together in Gaston county. We have no doubt that there have been many such cases in Halifax county, but no one has reported such to THE COMMONWEALTH.

This opens the way for this paper to make a suggestion to the farmers. And the suggestion is that they take more interest in letting others know what they are doing, and what may be done with the soil in this region. We have heard the fine farms and the agricultural possibilities of this community mentioned by those who do not live here, but seldom do we hear the farmers here at home telling about what they can make, how much and what varieties. By keeping such things before the people through the public prints the advantages of our climate, soil and the like would become more widely known and farm lands would enhance in value. When it becomes well and generally known what possibilities there are in our lands those who are seeking good farm lands will turn this way. THE COMMONWEALTH offers its columns to the farmers for all such items and for whatever discussions will enhance their interests.

It has occurred to us that a farmers' club for this community would be worth a great deal towards improving our agriculture. Such a club, purely local in its nature, would be the means of bringing together the best farmers of the community and give them the opportunity of exchanging ideas, relating experiences and the like.

What do the farmers think about this?

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## EXTRAVAGANCE AND EDUCATION.

On the first page of this issue under the heading "Schooling Made too Easy," we print a strong and readable paper. It is a letter by J. C. Horner to the Charlotte Observer and every father and mother, every young man and young woman will do well to read it. It is packed full of solid truth and wholesome suggestions.

### THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

Charlotte Observer.

Hon. Alton Brooks Parker, of New York, the nominee of the Democratic party for the Presidency, is a native of Cortland, that State, and was born in 1852. He had a common school education, read law, was surrogate of Ulster county for eight years, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1884, was offered the position of First Assistant Postmaster General in Mr. Cleveland's first administration, but declined it. He was chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee of New York in 1885 and led Mr. David B. Hill to the Governorship. The same year he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court—which in New York is not the Supreme Court as we have it in North Carolina—and in 1898 was promoted by election to be Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, which is the highest judicial position in his State. In this position he has borne himself ably and worthily and holds it without Republican opposition. There is a fashion among both parties of New York in endorsing men, even of opposite parties, who have done well as judges, and so Judge Parker has upon him the imprimatur of both the parties. Yet there is no question concerning his party affiliation. He has been a Democrat all his life. An adherent of the gold standard sentiment of his party when the money question was vital; yet he voted for Mr. Bryan in both the elections when the latter was a candidate, thus preserving his regularity. It has been objected to him in recent months that he would not talk, that nobody knew his views upon public questions. The objection is not well founded. His silence has been the silence of dignity. His political record is established, and as the "Chief Judge" of the chief State in the Union, it did not become him to talk for the public or to give any sign of candidacy for the first office in the nation. Judge Parker's record as man and Democrat is wholly good. His party and the country can afford to trust him. The party can be proud of him as its candidate, and it is elected his record in the high office for which he has been named will be such that his country will be proud of him as its President.

The surprise of the St. Louis convention was the nomination of Hon. Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia, for Vice-President. It is not recalled that his name had been suggested for this distinction. Another surprise in the choice is found in his extreme age—he is in his eighty-first year, having been born in Baltimore November 16, 1823. He was left fatherless and went to work young on a meagre education, his first active employment having been as manager of a farm, and then successively as brakeman, conductor and station agent on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He later became a merchant and collier, projected and carried to success the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railroad, of which he is president, as also of the Piedmont and Cumberland Railway and the Davis National Bank of Piedmont, West Virginia. He has been a member of both Houses of the State Legislature and was United States Senator from 1871 to 1883 when he declined reelection. Mr. Davis is a man of large wealth, and has been for many years a conspicuous figure in the political and business affairs of his State. It is yet to be ascertained whether his nomination for the Vice-Presidency was inspired by the fact that West Virginia is more than a doubtful—has indeed become a Republican—State, and it is hoped that his popularity will reclaim it, or whether, he being possessed of large means, it is hoped that he will become a large contributor to the campaign fund.

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### NEWS NOTES.

Hon. Chas. F. Warren, of Washington, N. C., died Monday, July 11th, aged 51 years. He was one of the ablest lawyers in the State.

New Bernie voted on the question of prohibition last week and went overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition.

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### NOTES FROM RINGWOOD.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.  
Ringwood, N. C., July 11, 1904.

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Regrets at the accident to Mr. Walter Gray. Surely it is a sad dispensation; hard to understand.

Mr. Gilliam Newsome died in Littleton last week and was buried at the old Hardy graveyard near Essex.

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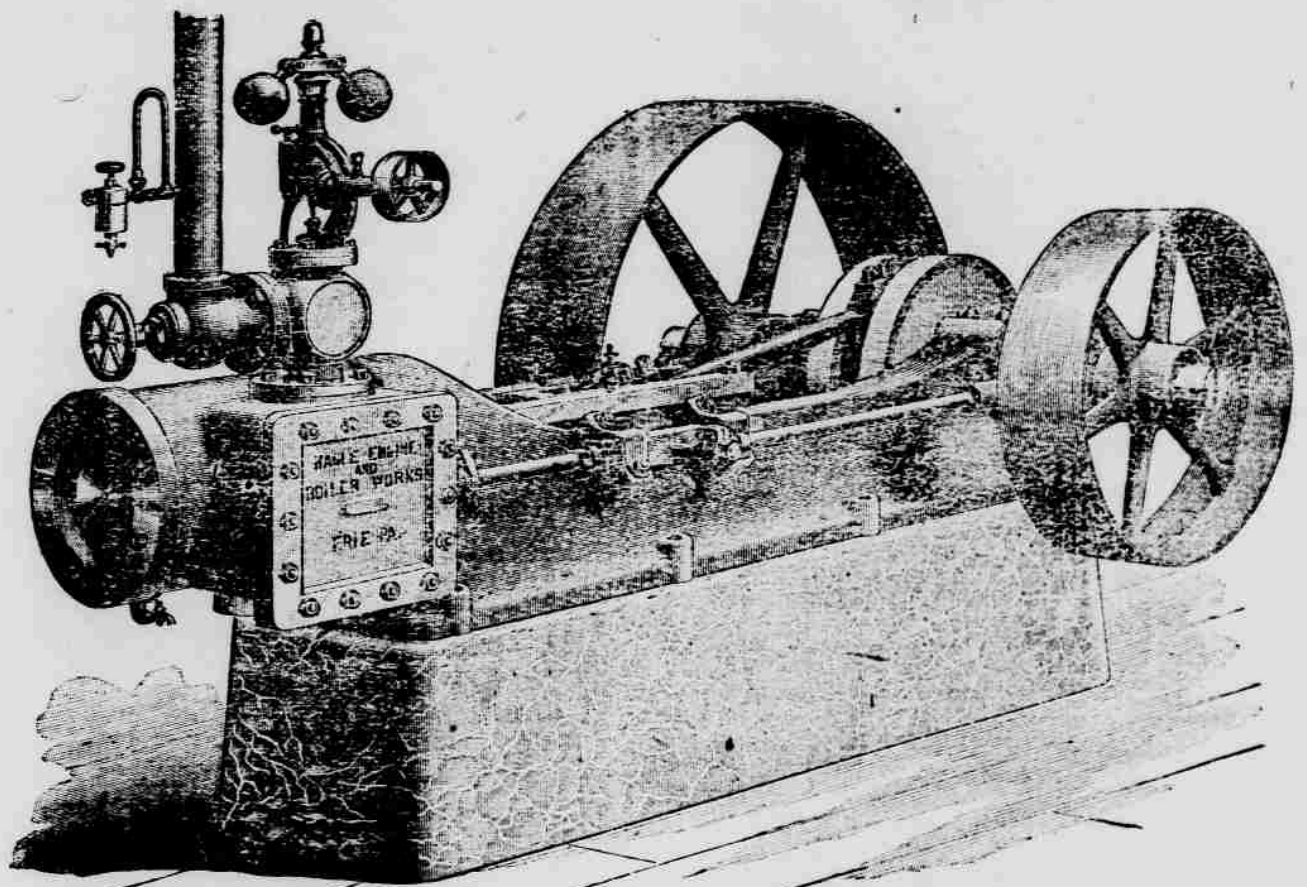
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